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## Two ambulatory surgery centers proposed for Morganton

RALEIGH – Two local health care providers have filed applications with the Certificate of Need Section of the N.C. Division of Health Service Regulation to develop ambulatory surgery centers in Morganton.

A public hearing for these projects will be held at 1 p.m. on May 16 at Western Piedmont Community College, Health Science Building, Room 162, 1001 Burkemont Ave., Morganton.

A summary of the proposals follows:

- Carolina Digestive Care proposes a licensed ambulatory surgery center with two gastrointestinal endoscopy rooms in a medical office building at 107 Mica Ave, Morganton.
- Grace Hospital and Blue Ridge HealthCare Surgery Center propose developing a surgery center by relocating one operating room and one gastrointestinal endoscopy room from the hospital to a medical office building on the Grace campus.

Anyone may file written comments concerning this proposal. Comments must be received by the Certificate of Need Section no later than May 1 at the following address:

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